

YRBS Trend Data – National and Montana

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States.

The YRBS is conducted every two years during the spring semester and provides data representative of 9th through 12th grade students in public and private schools.

Selected Behaviors – Percentage of Students	Site	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
Rarely or never wore a seat belt when riding in a car	National	21.7	19.3	16.4	14.1	18.2	10.2	11.1
	Montana	31.9	32.0	23.1	19.8	17.8	13.9	14.2
Drove when drinking alcohol during the past 30 days	National	15.4	16.9	13.1	13.3	12.1	9.9	10.5
	Montana	27.4	26.7	22.7	21.8	20.4	18.5	16.0
Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days	National	38.8	36.6	33.1	30.7	30.2	28.5	29.1
	Montana	48.1	46.6	43.1	39.3	36.9	34.4	32.9
Carried a weapon (gun, knife, or club) during the past 30 days	National	20.0	18.3	17.3	17.4	17.1	18.5	18.0
	Montana	22.6	23.8	20.3	21.4	19.4	21.4	22.1
Did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school	National	4.5	4.0	5.2	6.6	5.4	6.0	5.5
	Montana	2.8	4.4	3.0	5.5	3.4	4.2	4.2
Attempted suicide during the past 12 months	National	8.7	7.7	8.3	8.8	8.5	8.4	6.9
	Montana	8.5	8.4	6.7	10.4	9.7	10.3	7.9
Current cigarette use (smoked cigarettes during the past 30 days)	National	34.8	36.4	34.8	28.5	21.9	23.0	20.0
	Montana	34.8	38.1	35.0	28.5	22.9	20.1	20.0
Current smokeless tobacco use (used dip or chewing tobacco during the past 30 days)	National	11.4	9.3	7.8	8.2	6.7	8.0	7.9
	Montana	22.8	21.0	18.2	15.7	13.2	14.8	12.9
Current alcohol use (drank alcohol during the past 30 days)	National	51.6	50.8	50.0	47.1	44.9	43.3	44.7
	Montana	58.2	59.0	57.6	54.1	49.5	48.6	46.5
Binge drinking (5 or more drinks within a couple hours during the past 30 days)	National	32.6	33.4	31.5	29.9	28.3	25.5	26.0
	Montana	43.1	44.1	43.6	41.4	37.3	34.4	32.7



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Current marijuana use (used marijuana during the past 30 days)	National	25.3	26.2	26.7	23.9	22.4	20.2	19.7
	Montana	20.1	26.9	25.5	27.1	23.1	22.3	21.0
Lifetime methamphetamine use	National	NA	NA	9.1	9.8	7.6	6.2	4.4
	Montana	NA	NA	13.5	12.6	9.3	8.3	4.6
Lifetime inhalant use	National	20.3	16.0	14.6	14.7	12.1	12.4	13.3
	Montana	20.9	20.8	16.5	15.0	13.8	15.4	16.2
Ever had sexual intercourse	National	53.1	48.4	49.9	45.6	46.7	46.8	47.8
	Montana	47.0	45.9	42.5	43.9	43.6	43.6	45.7
Had sexual intercourse with four or more persons during their life	National	17.8	16.0	16.2	14.2	14.4	14.3	14.9
	Montana	15.4	15.5	12.1	13.8	14.0	13.1	13.7
Used a condom during last sexual intercourse (among sexually active)	National	54.4	56.8	58.0	57.9	63.0	62.8	61.5
	Montana	53.9	48.6	56.6	57.5	59.6	61.3	63.3
Ate fruits and vegetables five or more times per day	National	NA	NA	23.9	21.4	22.0	20.1	21.4
	Montana	NA	NA	19.5	19.4	16.7	17.0	17.1
Watched television 3 or more hours per day	National	NA	NA	42.8	38.3	38.2	37.2	35.4
	Montana	NA	NA	24.4	23.5	25.3	26.3	22.2
Attended physical education classes daily	National	25.4	27.4	29.1	32.2	28.4	33.0	30.3
	Montana	34.3	32.7	35.8	31.3	32.6	34.0	32.8
Were obese (at or above the 95 th percentile for body mass index)	National	NA	NA	10.7	10.5	12.1	13.1	13.0
	Montana	NA	NA	10.8	11.3	11.6	12.8	13.3